GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1714
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2001
UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under Railways, zone-wise;

(b) the area of unused land under Railways, zone and division-wise;

(c) whether the Railways have any plan to utilise such land;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the area of land that have been encroached upon zone-wise; and the steps taken to vacate from unauthorised occupants?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1714 BY SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL & SH. TRILOCHAN KANUNGO TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.8.2001 REGARDING UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND.

(a) & (b): Details of total land, land lying vacant zone-wise and Division-wise are as under:

Zone	Total land (in hec.)	Area lying vacant (in hec.) at present (zone-wise)	Division	Area lying vacant (in hec.) at present
Central	49328	3114	Mumbai	249
			Bhusawal	513
			Nagpur	908
			Jabalpur	246
			Solapur	339
			Jhansi	452
			Bhopal	407
Eastern	41188	2223	Sealdah	757
			Howrah	195
			Asansol	575
			Dhanbad	221
			Mughalsarai	48
			Maldah	123
			Danapur	304
Northern	56731	2815	Allahabad	63
			Bikaner	866
			Delhi	73
			Firozpur	542
			Jodhpur	210
			Lucknow	280
			Moradabad	175
			Ambala	606

Northeastern	37670	1647	Izzatnagar	486
			Lucknow	241
			Varanasi	147
			Sonepur	565
			Samastipur	208
Northeast Frontier	43224	1744	Alipurduar	418
			Tinsukia	115
			Katihar	801
			Lumding	410
Southern	33245	2200	Chennai	153
			Palghat	442
			Trivandrum	Nil
			Bangalore	302
			Mysore	64
			Tiruchchirappalli	746
			Madurai	493
South Central	33418	1928	Secunderabad	453
			Hyderabad	425
			Vijayawada	252
			Guntakal	474
			Hubli	324
South Eastern	77918	501	Adra	28
			Bilaspur	25
			Chakradharpur	31
			Khurda road	139
			Kharagpur	25
			Nagpur	50
			Sambalpur	192
			Vishakhapatnam	11
Western	50726	573	Mumbai	23
			Vadodara	11
			Ratlam	302
			Kota	111
			Ajmer	24
			Jaipur	Nil
			Rajkot	33
			Bhavnagar	69
Total	4,23,448	16,745		

(c) & (d): The vacant land is required by Railways for their operational and maintenance requirements as well as for future developmental works. Wherever feasible vacant railway land are also put to short-term uses like afforestation, temporary licensing for purposes related to railway working etc.

(e) Railways make continuous efforts to remove unauthorised occupants from their land. Fresh encroachments are removed as soon as noticed. Old encroachments are removed under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. Railways also use Section 147 of Railways Act, 1989 to deal with unauthorised occupants. As removal of encroachments often develop into a law and order problem, help from the Civil Police is also required. The details of area of Railway land under unauthorised occupation are as under:

Zone	Area under encroachment (in hec.)
Central	63
Eastern	46
Northern	1218
Northeastern	65
Northeast Frontier	291
Southern	77
South Central	53
South Eastern	251

Western	98
Total	2162